underworld elements had been commissioned to eliminate a team of Enforcement Directorate Officials, which planned to go there to investigate sensitive cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government of United Arab Emirates to ensure security of the investigation team; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERWANI): (a) The matter is under investigation at present and the full facts will only be known after the investigation is completed.

(b) and (c) The investigation team of Enforcement Directorate under the Ministry of Finance has not left for Dubai. However, if it does go, adequate security arrangements will be made accordingly.

अनिवासी भारतीय बनने के लिए आवेदन

2513. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राज्य-वार कितने भारतीय नागरिकों ने अनिवासी भारतीय बनने के लिये आवेदन-पत्र प्रस्तुत किए हैं ;

(ख) अनिवासी भारतीय बनने के लिये क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किये गये हैं ;

(ग) भारतीय फिल्म उद्योग के ऐसे व्यक्तियों का ब्योरा क्या है जिन्होंने अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा ग्रहण किया है ;

(घ) क्या देश में अनिवासी भारतीयों को कोई विशेष सुविधा दी जाती है और

(ङ) ऐसे दोहरी नागरिकता ग्रहण [illegible] कितनी अवधि तक रहने के [illegible] ?

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल) : (क) भारतीय नागरिकों को अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा प्राप्त करने के लिए कोई आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की आवश्यकता नहीं होती ।

(ख) वे भारतीय नागरिक, जो रोजगार अथवा व्यापार या व्यवसाय चलाने के लिए अथवा किसी परिस्थिति में किसी अन्य प्रयोजन के लिए भारत से बाहर प्रवास की अनिश्चित अवधि का उल्लेख करते हैं, अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा प्राप्त करने के पात्र होते हैं ।

(ग) चूंकि अनिवासी भारतीय होने के लिए कोई औपचारिक आवेदन देने की जरूरत नहीं होती, इसलिए यह निर्धारित करना सम्भव नहीं है कि भारतीय फिल्म उद्योग के किन व्यक्तियों ने अनिवासी भारतीय का दर्जा प्राप्त कर लिया है ।

(घ) भारत में अनिवासी भारतीय निवेश को सुविधाजनक बनाने तथा उसे प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए वित्त मंत्रालय के अधीन एक अनिवासी भारतीय आयुक्त कार्य कर रहा है । इन सुविधाओं में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ भारत में उत्तराधिकार तथा सम्पत्ति अर्जित करने का अधिकार, विभिन्न योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत अप्रत्यावर्तन और प्रत्यावर्तन आधार पर निवेश, भारत में अनिवासी बैंक खाता खोलना, प्राथमिकता वाले उद्योगों में निवेश, निर्यातोन्मुखी परियोजनाएं और अनिवासी भारतीय बाण्ड, स्वदेश लौट रहे अनिवासी भारतीयों को कर प्रोत्साहन तथा विशेष आयात सुविधाएं शामिल है ।

(ङ) मौजूदा भारतीय कानून के तहत दोहरी नागरिकता की अनुमति नहीं है ।

Pak offer for treaty on Nuclear weapons

2514. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan intends to sign a treaty with India on the non-use of Nuclear weapons;

(b) whether the External Affairs Minister of Pakistan has said so in an interview to the BBC World News Service;

(c) whether he has also sent any communication to Government in that connection; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) and (b) Government have seen media reports in this regard.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The dialogue with Pakistan has been resumed at the Foreign Secretary level and, following the last round of discussions in Islamabad, a Joint statement was issued which envisages discussions on "peace and security" issues.

Keeping India's Nuclear option open

2515. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent US nuclear test and test firing of Hatf-III missiles by Pakistani, India have decided to keep open its nuclear options and the Agni missile programme;

(b) whether the Indian nuclear programme has fully developed technical capability in all requirement of the nuclear test cycle and whether our defence preparedness is upto the "marks"; and

(c) what is Governments reaction to participation in Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty negotiation to be held in Geneva?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA): (a) and (b) Indias nuclear programme is extensive and exclusively geared towards peaceful purposes. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation. High priority is to be accorded to the next phase of the Agni programme, including efforts to augment its range.

(c) India has consistently called for a universal verifiable ban on production of fissionable material for weapons purpose and believes that a multilaterally negotiated, universally applicable and non-discriminatory treaty banning the production of fissile materials for weapon purposes should be part of a step by step process of global nuclear disarmament aimed at achieving the complete elimination of all nuclear weapons within a specified time frame.

Delay in the examinations in Salem Medical College

2516. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA.

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new-item published in the Indian Express (New Delhi edition) dated July 6, 1997 under the caption, "1991 batch yet to take first MBBS exam in Salem College".

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the first batch of MBBS students of Vinayaga Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College, Salem, admitted in 1991, are still waiting to write their MBBS first year examination, while students admitted to the course in later years have completed the course; and

(c) under what circumstances such a situation has arisen and what steps are being taken to help students of the 1991 batch to complete the course?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An application was received